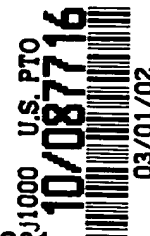


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In re Application of:

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Entitled: THERMAL BARRIER COATING HAVING
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith copies of the prior art documents cited on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A for consideration during prosecution of the subject Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John P. Musone'.
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